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## Visceral perception in gastroenterology

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This supplement draws together the wealth of information that forms our current understanding of visceral perception in functional gastrointestinal disorders. The papers that follow were presented at the 1st International Symposium on Visceral Perception in Gastroenterology. They reflect the experience of those involved in research in a wide variety of fields, ranging from

functional anatomy to pathophysiology and from pharmacology to psychosocial studies. It is hoped that these published proceedings will help to define the direction for future clinical investigation into interventions that will advance the treatment and improve the lifestyle of the significant number of patients who suffer from functional gastrointestinal disorders.

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